

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 7, 2005. As set forth below, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, Claims 1-36.

Also, Applicant has amended the application as set forth above. Specifically, Claims 37-51 have been amended. Upon the entry of the amendments, Claims 1-52 remain pending in this application. No new matter is added by the amendments as discussed below. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Election of Invention and Traverse of Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner indicated that this application includes more than one invention identified as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-36 and 52 drawn to a hinge for use with an electronic device; and

Group II: Claims 37-51 drawn to a hinged electronic device.

In response, Applicant **elects Group I (Claims 1-36 and 52)** drawn to a hinge for use with an electronic device.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as all the claims of Group II depend from Claim 1. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended Claims 37-51 drawn to a method of using Claim 1 and requests rejoinder of these claims as discussed below.

Discussion of Amendments

Claim 37 has been amended to change the subject matter to a method of operating a hinged electronic device and to incorporate the limitations of Claim 48 as originally filed. Claims 38-47, 49 and 50 have been amended to change their subject matter to a method of operating a hinged electronic device. Claim 48 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 12 as originally filed. Claim 51 has been amended to incorporate some limitations of Claim 37, which Claim 51 originally depended from. As such, all of the amendments are at least supported by originally filed claims. Further, although not discussed specifically, the amendments are supported by the originally filed specification as well. Therefore, the amendments add no new matter, and Applicant respectfully requests their entry.

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Rejoinder of Non-elected Claims

As set forth in M.P.E.P. 821.04, when product claims are presented for examination and are found allowable, process claims directed to making and/or using the product will be entered as a matter of right if the process claims depend from the patentable product claims. The non-elected claims, Claims 37-51, have been amended to be directed to a method of using the product of Claim 1 and depend from Claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 37-51 be rejoined upon allowance of Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is respectfully invited to call the undersigned directly.

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